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## Foreign students face adversity

BY LESLIE NELSON  
Missourian Reporter

At least twelve credit hours a week, studying, work schedules, bills, missing family and friends back at home, and a social life can all add up, putting stress on college students. Making all this fit into seven short days while maintaining a decent GPA seems daunting and challenging. But imagine adding a foreign culture, a new language, extra rules and restrictions and more bills to pay to that list.

There are approximately 285 foreign exchange students and English as a Second Language students studying at Northwest this semester from around 36 different countries around the world.

These students have a much more difficult path to get to Northwest than students who already live in the United States. Unlike most American students, most foreign students can't take the ACT or SAT. Very few cities in countries outside the US offer the test. Most foreign students who do choose to take them must travel to other cities and even other countries.

Next, they apply for a student visa. Most foreign students at Northwest hold an F-1 visa, or a non-immigrant, full-time student visa. Obtaining a visa is a challenging and long process.

After paying the \$231 needed to acquire a student visa, the student then must board a plane to Kansas City, MO, where a car will pick them up and take them to Northwest.

Once at the university, they are enrolled in at least 12 credit hours for undergraduate school or at least nine hours for graduate school.

Jeffery Foot, director of Northwest's Inter-cultural and International Center, knows this process all too well. Originally from Nova Scotia in Canada, Foot was once a foreign student studying in the United States. He knows their struggles and offers guidance and help with anything they may need.

"I help them through it because I went through it myself," Foot said, "I'm their coach, helping them with the whole process."

Once classes begin, these students must complete either 12 credit hours as an undergraduate student or the 9 hours as a graduate student. A student enrolled in the minimum number of courses is not allowed to drop any of those courses. Even if they complete a course

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## STUDENTS BRUSH UP

### Student volunteers got down, dirty to beautify Maryville

BY TREY WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Last Sunday, a mass of student volunteers sporting purple shirts converged on the Memorial Bell Tower. Beneath the chatter, talk of volunteering and civic duty could be heard.

Beautifying Residences Using Student Help held its annual fall project Sunday. This year their project consisted of freeing city streets of trash, repainting the Environmental Services Building and making the Robertson-Crist Park more accessible for nature enthusiasts.

President John Jasinski, who was there to give the opening announcement, sees the importance of getting the University

involved in community efforts.

"What they do (B.R.U.S.H.) is really important to student development," he said. "We want Northwest and the city of Maryville to be a model for university and community collaboration, and this is a perfect example."

After Jasinski's pep talk, the volunteers were split into groups and given their task for the day.

Approximately 270 students signed up to take part in this perfect example of civic duty. Organizations from all over campus were there to assist in the upkeep of the place they call home. In the sea of purple a majority of the crowd was fraternities and sororities fulfilling their volunteer work requirements.

Among them was sophomore Sigma Society member, Erin Hartwig. She has been working with B.R.U.S.H. for a year now and has already fulfilled nine out of her 20 hours of volunteer work required per semester.

"Really, I think it's fun to help other people," Hartwig said, taking a break from her mulch to wipe the sweat from her brow.

No one ever said volunteer work is easy work, but as Jasinski said and director of volunteer services Amy Nally agrees, it is what should be and what needs to be done in order to better the community.

"It is important be recognized not just as students, but to support and give back to the community," Nally said.

## STUDENT SENATE BLOOD DRIVE



LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTO EDITOR

**DONOR BECKA SEIPEL** watches as the nurse fills vials with her blood at the Student Senate Blood Drive Tuesday afternoon in the Tower View at the J.W. Jones Student Union. The Blood Drive will run till Thursday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment or walk-in.

## Family, fun, football all come together this weekend

BY AUSTIN BUCKNER  
Managing Editor

Northwest's annual family weekend kicks off tomorrow. Students, faculty, staff and the Bearcat football team all prepare to welcome extended members of the Bearcat family to our house.

The idea of family weekend is a nationally recognized tradition among many colleges and universities. Candice Wolf, assistant direct of the Office of Campus Activities, said the importance of the annual event is deeper than fun activities and a home football game. It also serves as a key tool for retaining younger students.

"Typically, this is the time where new students are beginning to feel a little home sick or maybe a little unsure about their decision," Wolf said. "Sometimes having family come up and visit helps. It really makes students feel a little bit more comfortable with the transition from high school and living at home to being in a new environment and meeting new people."

While statistics show that more freshmen and sophomore families attend family weekend, Jackie Elliot, vice president of Student Affairs, said the event is geared toward all students.

"Family weekend is geared specifically toward to the families of our stu-

### Weekend Highlights

Friday, October 1  
8pm Hypnotist Jim Wand at CJT

Saturday, October 2  
6:30am Run/Walk starts at Lampkin Activity Center  
10am-2pm Family Fun Fest College Park Pavillion  
2:20pm NWMSU Football Vs. Missouri Western  
8pm Glow in the Dark Mini Golf Student Union

Sunday, October 3  
11am-2pm All you can eat Buffett Student Union

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dents, current students right now," Elliot said. "It's not a recruiting tool, we don't bring in prospective students."

Elliot recognizes that there are a number of families who enjoy attending family weekend every year. She said the Office of Campus Activities has done well with providing new activities.

"We try to change the activities each year, with the exception of the home football game, so that families will feel like they're not seeing the same thing every time they come," Elliot said.

Bearcat football games serve as one

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KEVIN BIRDSSELL | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER  
**RYAN JACKSON SITS** outside the Tau Kappa Epsilon house on Wednesday working on websites on his time off. Jackson owns his own website and graphic design company, Info Sharkz, from his house.

## Student’s business underway

BY AMANDA CANNON  
Missourian Reporter

Like many students, Ryan Jackson wakes up not wanting to go to class, fights the rush for a parking space that will not earn him a ticket and plops into his seat just as roll is being taken. Jackson may seem like a typical senior, but there is a catch. With his fulltime class load, organizations and owning his own business, Jackson has his hands full.

Last summer, Jackson started his own company, Info Sharkz, where he designs websites and graphic designs from his home. In the last couple of months, the company also started advertising.

“Flame Lit Media is the face of the company, the name you see on my business cards,” Jackson said of the company.

He came up with he idea to start his own company three years ago and decided to move forward with the idea.

“I got bored doing the same thing over and over so I decided it was time for a change,” Jackson said.

The company was not an easy idea to get

started; it took time for everything to fall into place.

“For the legal stuff, such as the tax ID, it took about a month to get set up,” Jackson said. “The legal documents cost around \$800 to \$1,000 up front to be approved. The whole company would have cost around \$10,000 to get started, if I didn’t already have my computer equipment.”

Jackson is a full-time student with a 15 credit hour class load, involved with TKE, SIFE and is the President of Future Business Leaders of America, but he still finds the time for his company.

“I am very fortunate to have very flexible hours,” Jackson stated. “If I need to work at three in the morning, I can, as long as I get the websites done.”

Jackson takes pride in his company and also in the organizations he is actively apart of. He is the Historian for TKE, which consumes much of his time.

“I don’t know how he does it,” Ray Orf, a senior member of TKE, said about Jackson. “I

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## CIE takes on Army with new project

BY EMILY DEMAREA  
Missourian Reporter

The use of technology in armed forces has grown over the past decades. To contribute to this need, the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship has converged with the United States Army for a special project.

For the past three trimesters, the CIE has been working on a new technological application for the Army. The application is known as “War Gaming.”

“We are working in conjunction with the Battle Command-Battle Lab in Fort Leavenworth to investigate the feasibility of using multi touch technology for War Gaming exercises,” Dr. Dean Sanders, project manager, said.

Although the students working on the project have changed over the past three trimesters, there are approximately six to eight working on it.

The group’s software developer, Ian Stanek, dedicates 15 hours a week to the project, and said that the new technology will allow the army to predict how to respond in future battles.

“There will be one person who will be playing for one side,” Stanek said, “And there will be another person playing on the enemy’s side, and they can try to plan out how their battle might go.”

To further describe the War Gaming technology, Sanders compared the application to an iPhone.

“Think of a coffee sized table iPhone,” Sanders said. “You have no keyboards, you have no mouse. You interact by touching with your hands. The application that we’re working on comes down to doing what armies have done as long as they’ve been armies.”

The War Gaming technology will be a touch-screen application for the army to use. This will bring improved technology to long established Army

process. Stanek said that as of now, the army uses a map on a wall with post-it notes and markers. The goal of the project is to change that strategy to a more updated way of predicting future battles.

The feasibility test will investigate whether or not there are advantages of using this new technology to serve the same purpose of the maps and markers, according to Sanders.

“We’re changing it so they can have a user interface on the computer that they can touch, and have their units out,” Stanek said. “It would just be a lot more user-friendly.”

When the war gaming application is complete, the Army will decide whether they will use it or not. If the Army does choose to use the technology, Stanek said many soldiers will benefit from it.

“If this project turns out to be something that the army would deem actually useful and they could get behind it,” Stanek said, “They would then implement it into their planning.”

After the application is implemented, the Army would be able to predict battle scenarios quicker and more conveniently.

“The faster they could do things and the more accurately, the better it is for our troops,” Stanek said.

Not only could the War Gaming technology provide a positive influence on the Army, Sanders also said that the students who are working on the project will gain skills that those of other universities will not have the chance to.

“It gives them experience working on a real project with a real client and it gives them a chance to work with new technology,” Sanders said, “things that they won’t get in the classroom.”

The project is paid for by a contract that the University has with the Army. It calls to be completed by Sept. 30, 2011.

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# City finance director wins award, two years running

BY CASSIE THOMAS  
Chief Reporter

One decision to go above and beyond the minimum requirements has paid off for two years running for Maryville’s Finance Director.

Denise Town prepares a yearly financial report for the city as the Finance Director. In 2008, as a result of her involvement with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), she decided to prepare a comprehensive report for the city’s finances.

“I’m pretty active in this organization,” Town said. “In the national association, each state has a chapter. I am on the state board. I’m the secretary. It was a goal of mine to go beyond basic financial statement and prepare this comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR).”

This report has more information than the minimum requirements, but the extra work has more than paid off. Town has now earned the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City of Maryville for two consecutive fiscal years, 2008 and 2009. Town is recognized as the primary person responsible for preparing the award-winning report.

The initial comprehensive report requires extra work in gathering historical information. Certain details, as well as reports and schedules must be included in the city’s first CAFR.

“It’s pretty labor intensive that first year creating it because there is



Denise Town

a lot of additional reports and schedules,” Town said.

The report for the fiscal year ending in Sept. 2008 was the first comprehensive report Town prepared. The process of preparing and submitting the report takes approximately four months, without the additional work for the first report, and begins once the audit is finished and financial statements are prepared.

Once the report is submitted to the GFOA, a panel of impartial judges reviews and critiques the report. This panel is made up of GFOA professionals; to ensure impartiality, judges cannot be from the same state or have ties to the firm who have completed an independent audit of the report.

This award is one of the highest recognitions that a city can receive in governmental accounting and finan-

cial reporting. Since GFOA began this program in 1945, it has played a large part in improving the quality of financial work by local governments.

The city is presented with a plaque that states that they have been recognized with the CAFR. The plaque comes in six to eight weeks after notification of this recognition is received.

This year’s plaque is to be presented at the Nov. 8 city council meeting by Mike Wade, Financial Director for Belton, Mo.

“I hope to continue this every year,” Town said. “That’s the plan, that I will always prepare a comprehensive annual report and submit it to GFOA for their award program.”

I’ll be getting info from the GFOA, so hopefully I’ll have another source to quote after tomorrow.

Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a published CAFR of a state or local government.

- Must include all funds and component units of the entity.

- The financial section must include a report from an independent auditor, indicating fair presentation of the financial statements.

- Must respond to comments and address suggestions within in the report from the prior year’s submission.

- If a reference to another report is included to demonstrate budgetary compliance, a copy of that report must also be submitted.

- Must be postmarked or emailed by the designated deadline – no less than 6 months after the end of the fiscal year.

# MHS homecoming offers memories for all, victory for one

BY CASSIE THOMAS  
Chief Reporter

Homecoming is a time full of festivities both big and small that is meant to form lasting memories in the minds of high school students.

“Homecoming should be a week that is fun for everyone and one of the best memories of high school when they are looking back on their teenage years as adults,” Ashlee James, 9th and 10th grade counselor, said. James had a role in planning the activities for homecoming week as the student council sponsor.

This year’s homecoming theme is ‘Famous in a Small Town.’ This week has been packed with spirit filled activi-

ties leading up to the homecoming game against Benton tomorrow night.

Each day, students dressed up in a different way to demonstrate their homecoming spirit. One theme assigned to Monday was color war

“Each class was assigned a different color and they decorated their hallway in that color and wore that color,” James said.

Other themes included pajama day, western day and Spoohound spirit day.

One unique theme during the week was favorite senior day.

“The kids pick a senior who maybe has a unique way of dress or unique haircut and they dress like that person,”

James said. “Or if they play softball, they could wear a hat and gloves to school.”

Senior Jessica Sigman, student council president, said her favorite themed day this year was favorite senior day.

“It’s fun to see the different underclassmen and see who they look up to in the school and figure out who they hang out with,” Sigman said.

Homecoming is also a time that is full of traditions,

and there are plenty of traditions throughout Maryville’s homecoming.

One tradition is the decorating of halls throughout the week. Each class is assigned an area, both in and outside of the school that they are responsible for decorating. Seminar, which is the final 27 minutes of each day, is spent decorating these areas.

One former tradition that was brought back this year is a bonfire open to students as well as to members

of the community. This year’s bonfire was held on Wednesday at Maryville Middle School.

“We always like to start new traditions to have fun activities for the kids to do,” Sigman said. “We’ve been trying to get it going for the last couple years. We finally got all the planning together.”

The bonfire is not the only new tradition instated during homecoming this year.

“We are awarding a spirit stick this week, which is something that is new,” James said. “We’re having class competitions at our bonfire and the winner of those competitions will win the spirit stick”

Competitions at the bonfire included tug of war, dance

off, hula-hoop and trivia questions.

“One of the really popular things the kids like to do is our battle cry where they chant V-I-C-T-O-R-Y that’s our Spoohound battle cry,” James said. “That’ll be another competition – whoever does it the loudest will get another point towards winning the spirit stick.”

Throughout the night, they will keep track of who won each, and award the spirit stick to the class with the highest total points.

Royalty coronation will be at 6:30 immediately followed by the football game. The week will end with the homecoming dance, which will be held Saturday night.

“I really like the school spirit – and I love to do the decorations,” Sigman said. “I think it’s fun to come to school every day and for everyone to be excited and the halls to be covered with streamers and balloons and signs.”

-senior, Jessica Sigman


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OUR VIEW

# Helping us help ourselves

Brush-wielding students swarmed campus and community last week in a compassion-fueled fury. Elsewhere, students and residents alike picked up leashes to walk dogs at the North Nod-away Humane Society Animal Shelter. Regularly, veins of blood donors are tapped to fill bag after bag with liquid charity – straight from the heart.

We are compelled to give, either out of gratitude for the abundance we have, or sympathy for those who do not have such abundance. Charitable causes dot the community, astounding viewers that we poor, broke college students could find extra time and money to give back.

The noble thing to do is give freely, but sometimes it is forced from our pockets.

According to a USA Today poll, the United States placed first in a donor competition, granting \$27.8 billion in 2008 alone for developmental assistance. Japan placed second with \$17.5 billion.

When does a donation cease to be a donation? When it is extorted. As hard as it is to oppose humanitarian aid and global philanthropy, it is even harder to find satisfaction in our generosity when it is wrestled from our pocketbooks through taxes.

A popular notion about community

and international aid is that churches, not the government, ought to be the driving force behind the effort. Let's take that one step further and spread the responsibility on the community as a whole. With each member giving as he or she is able, a self-motivated and self-instituted workforce accomplishes the greatest amount of good.

And we most certainly do. Between volunteers at the Maryville Ministry Center, individual philanthropies assisted by Northwest Greek organizations, the new Bearcat Heroes for the American Red Cross group and many more, we as a community are doing a wonderful job.



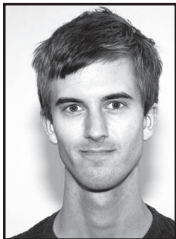
**FRESHMEN BRINKLEY JERMAIN** volunteers for **BRUSH** by picking up trash down Edwards Street on Sunday. Jermain joins the ranks of countless others who volunteer, improving the quality of life for Maryville residents and students alike.

LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTO EDITOR

## You have come a long way, Uganda

In a nation not usually known for its humanitarian efforts, a major program implementation stands at the forefront of resource reclamation.

Uganda's new Agriculture Sector Development Strategy and Investment Plan is a



**Philip Gruenwald**  
Opinion Editor

"by Uganda for Uganda" initiative piggybacking on the continental Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program. Considering how highly dependent these plans are on local policy makers, the future looks bright for Ugandan citizens.

Addressing the United Nations General Assembly, President Yoweri Museveni emphatically promoted gender equality, action against poverty and a noble plan for agricultural development. Better yet, he wants to accomplish all of the above in one fell swoop, the aforementioned DSIP.

The four-part plan will start with establishing an agricultural infrastructure previously void in Uganda's GDP. Next is market access, both literal and symbolic.

United States Agency for International Development steps in to outline the next step, food supply and hunger. USAID acted as food security auditors, reviewing and critiquing Uganda's process.

USAID is one of several DSIP "stakeholders," although the Government of Uganda will fund 75 percent of the program.

The last step, agricultural research, ensures that the steps taken stick to the impetus agreed upon, as well as to see if the planned goals coincide with what the people need.

On top of this, President Museveni promised to comply with several UN Millennium Development Goals, also emphasizing strategic agricultural sustainability.

The realistically ambitious Museveni surely has a stacked to-do list, but these initiatives are paramount to the country's development. If these goals realize into real-time results, the country faces even more opportunities to pull themselves up by their bootstraps: HIV/AIDS, malaria and education, to name a few.

Lest they think they are off the hook, Uganda is still way behind modern humanitarian standards. Their children roam the streets, hungry, homeless and used as slaves or prostitutes. Their educational system is deplorable and public availability to clean drinking water is a nightmare. Hygiene is a word not known to most Ugandans.

Still, they are on the right track. Perhaps Museveni's action strategy will provide a model for future development. Step one for fighting malaria: establish an infrastructure for malaria prevention hygiene. And that is just the beginning.

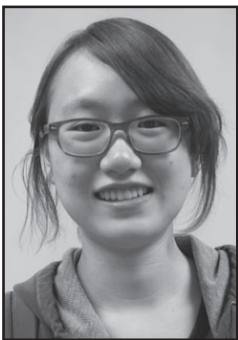
### CAMPUS TALK

#### What do you think is a good way to give back to the community?



"Well, obviously the blood drive that's going on right now. I hope to help with that. Also there's the Humane Society, walking dogs. I also help back home in a health department."

**Brady Fleshman**  
Freshman Pre-Med



"I attended this BRUSH program last week and I picked up trash and stuff and that was fun and I also did some community service at the Humane Society over there."

**Hayeon Lee**  
Undecided



"I just think get involved in an organization. I know in my organization we do philanthropy work and community service because we have required hours, so it makes it more enjoyable because we get to go with our sisters and stuff like that."

**Trayce Miller**  
Speech Pathology



"Well, this is a really good community. Many people are already helping in some situations."

**Manikanta Sanisetty**  
Applied Computer Science



"Walking dogs. There's BRUSH, we helped with a marathon and did a three-mile run. Pretty much anything you can think of to help give back. I mean, we're having a concert this Saturday for St. Jude's."

**Tuff Wimberly**  
Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

## The freedom to think differently

Since the beginning of the formations of government, people have often agreed or opposed certain ideas about what they think is the best way to run a functional government. But the question that people don't often ask is why do they believe so strongly that their idea is the right one and people who oppose this idea are wrong?



**John Fritz**  
Contributing Columnist

Most people will assume that we get most of our ideas and opinions

from our parents. This theory is solidified by the fact that we will pick up many habits or tendencies from our parents and we will continue those tendencies throughout the rest of our lives. However, that must not be true because what about my father and me? We both have drastically opposing viewpoints about the best way a government should function and its involvement, or lack of involvement in the regulation of the private sector.

Perhaps we should look at our next most likely figures who greatly influence and expand our minds our educators. Many say that the view-

point of your teachers is reflected in their teaching, thereby creating an unintentional opinion that you may come to accept as "the right way" to govern things. But this simply cannot be true as I, as well as several classmates, have teachers with drastically different viewpoints, and in some cases cause us to become even more opposed to their viewpoint.

If none of these things can be one hundred percent true then the conclusion must be this. We are all humans; humans with unique and selective minds that interpret that best way to govern may, and most likely will be, different from others.

### WHAT THE DEUCE

## Terrorist witch-hunts in Minneapolis



MCT CAMPUS

The meeting place for the Twin Cities Anti-War Committee was raided Sept. 23 by the FBI. The raids were orchestrated by a local chapter of the Joint Terrorism Task Force, one of 40 such agencies scattered across the nation since their creation in July 2002.

The committee is comprised of several St. Paul's William Mitchell College law professors, among others. FBI agents pointed to several overseas trips to other human rights headquarters, some of which have been linked to terrorism. The trips were harmless, according to committee leader Meredith Aby (pictured here) in The Minnesota Independent.

"We meet with them to bring information back to the United States to reveal the reality of Israeli apartheid and to illustrate what our taxpayer dollars are funding," Aby said in the interview.

Those attempting to aid freedom fighters overseas run the risk of being labeled as terrorists. Foreign interaction with revolutionists has its risk, but living in a fear-driven police state hardly seems like the answer.

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# FAMILY: Poor scheduling a plus

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of the biggest draws to bring families to campus, Elliot said. Because of this, the University schedules family weekend around one of the home football games each year. With only four home games this season, the University was left with few scheduling options. Wolf explained how the tight scheduling was used as a positive; in conjunction with the freshmen transfer play.

“The weekend we decided (to host family weekend) coincided with the freshmen transfer showcase play,” Wolf said. “At first, I was a little bit nervous going ‘oh no, I don’t want to take away from what they’re doing,’ but again, since the theme is ‘this is our house and this is who we are,’ being able to incorporate that into our schedule helps both of us. We’ve been able to sell tickets for them and providing families with another activity to do has been really good, too.”

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# JACKSON: Managing organizations, school, work; no problem

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mean I know what it is like to have a full class load, but to have that on top of being involved with many different organizations and having a business to run, it’s crazy. I don’t know where he finds his energy for it all.”

Most of Jackson’s clients are located in Missouri. He is currently updating his website, in hopes it will generate a bigger cliental base. Jackson works to pay off his college

classes, so the more clients he has the better.

“I started out paying myself depending on the way the business went, but now I pay myself with a salary base, since there is a good history of the company. I maintain a healthy living and so all my college expenses get paid solely with what I make from my business. My parents are glad they don’t have to pay for it,” Jackson said with a smile.

The company keeps him busy and

he continuously uses the information he learns in class. He is the only one working right now that designs the websites.

“The most websites I have designed in a month is about four or five small websites,” Jackson said. “On an average though, it is more like one or two a month. I am a perfectionist when it comes to working on my business so right now I only pay one employee who manages the accounts I have.”

Jackson says his parents are very proud of him for what he has done with himself during college. The company was a great start up idea to pave his interest. Flame Lit Media is successfully making money to support him but there it is not yet making enough to hire more employees.

“If it doesn’t work out in the in the long run I would like to work for Microsoft or Google or something like that,” Jackson said about his future plans.

# ADVERSITY: Foreign students unable to benefit from scholarships

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with an F, they aren’t allowed to drop it.

“Classes are really hard here,” foreign exchange student Misaki Ito said.

Ito left her Japanese culture and came here to study English Language and Culture. She explained that her classes at Northwest are very different from the classes she took back home.

Foreign students must also be enrolled in the fall and spring trimesters. They cannot take time

off unless it is during the summer trimester, even if they are doing poorly and need the break.

“For these students, that idea is just not possible,” Foot said.

Paying for their education is another big struggle that these students face. Because most do not take the ACT or SAT, they do not qualify for most scholarships. Even those that do take the tests can only receive \$2,500 a year. Foreign students can never obtain Missouri residency and can never earn in-state tuition. They can, however, earn athletic and

competitive department-specific scholarships. Very few foreign students pay for their education with scholarship money.

“They are out of state, pure cash students,” Foot said.

Two other main federal policies state that foreign students are not allowed to work off campus, and they must complete their academic program without delaying their graduation in any way.

If a student breaks any of these regulations, they can be sent back to their home country.

“It really is high stakes stuff,”

Foot said. “If they don’t do well, they’re headed back.”

If sent home, these students must start the visa process and apply to the school all over again.

“They have this legal system on top of them that nobody really understands,” Foot explained.

Foot’s office works to help these students with these struggles.

College may be tough for a freshman straight out of high school, but it is even more challenging for a young adult in a foreign country.

# BURNSIDES: Scholar-athlete recognized

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Although his time at strong safety may be finished, Burnside is not finished giving back to the tradition he helped bestow on the Bearcat football program.

While finishing his last semester of graduate school, Burnside is giving his free time to the Northwest football team on a volunteer basis, as a student coach.

“It was kind of tough at first,” Burnside said. “It’s a little different, but I’m getting used to it and enjoying the players, seeing those guys do well and seeing their rewards.”

Now with only one semester stand-

ing between him and a masters degree, Burnside is still balancing school and sports just as he did at Maryville High School.

He juggles helping prepare this year’s football team to follow in his foot steps, while trying to figure out where his life will take him after graduation.

“I’m almost done and then the real world,” Burnside said. “That’s what I tell everyone. I don’t know. I’m trying to do the coaching thing right now and see if I enjoy that. Maybe go down that avenue or follow in my father’s footsteps and go into the business department. I don’t really know yet, but I guess we’ll find out at the end of the semester, hopefully.”

# FOOTBALL: Griffons offer formidable challenge

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trouble moving the ball, tallying an average of 459 yards per game. The ‘Cats defense has been a stout unit as of late, limiting opposing offenses to only 301.3 yards a game, including a mere 217 total yards against Truman.

“Their offense is averaging about 48 points a game, so they’re putting up some numbers offensively,” senior defensive end Kyle Sunderman said. “We know they have a veteran quarterback, a veteran half-back, some

good athletic receivers there and a nice physical offensive line. The biggest thing for us this week is taking the few mistakes we had last week and building upon those and trying to improve consistently so we can go out there and try to get a win.”

Tjeerdsma and the ‘Cats offense are facing a Griffon defense giving up 192.8 rushing yards per game, while only surrendering a slim 136.2 yards through the air. However, last week sophomore running back Billy Creason and the ‘Cats

backfield eclipsed the 200-yard mark, churning out 269 total yards, 169 yards by Creason alone. Senior quarterback Blake Bolles is also two weeks removed from blowing past the 400-passing yard mark against UNO.

A win for Western would account for head coach Jerry Partridge’s 100th career victory with the Griffons and only the second time one of Partridge’s teams has started 5-0.

Kick-off is set for 2:20 p.m. due to the MIAA Network’s coverage of the game.



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**ALI ELZEN ARRANGES** tarts Tuesday morning after the rush passes. Ali's Bakery offers a wide variety of homemade pastries and breads along with a welcoming environment that leaves many coming back for more.

# Local favorite provides big taste

**BY BRITTANY KEITHLEY**  
Editor-in-Chief

Cookies and pastries line the shelves. Doughnuts, muffins and strudels heaped together beneath the counter offer a sweet solace to every visitor. Cars pass in a swift motion but when the door opens, time slows as the smell of frosting fills your senses and coffee gurgles to your right.

People gather telling stories. As laughter fills the air, they sip coffee and dine on sweet surprises. Ali's Bakery creates a home for many, young and old. A home where anyone is welcome and you are greeted with a smile.

Ali's Bakery is more than the homemade, handmade pastries and breads - it's an atmosphere and environment that people can rely on.

Owner Ali Elzen operates the bakery by himself, ensuring customer satisfaction. Elzen offers an old fashioned feel with each customer, calling them by name and offering their favorite pastries made from scratch.

Retired professor Richard New arrives at the bakery every morning for his cinnamon twist, but stays two to three hours for the conversation.

"This is probably the only place where you can get top quality pastry and excellent breads," New said. "Most bakeries in town ship things in frozen and thaw them out."

Elzen watches loyal customers like New and former Bearcat defensive end Elliot Easley return every morning.

"They never change, they have the same order every day," Elzen said listing off each person's favorite.

Betty Wilson visits as often as she is able to. Cane in hand, she wanders through the door greeting

her friends and finds a seat. Wilson loves the shop.

"Ali, the food and the friendship. There isn't any bad," she said. "The only bad thing was Ali closed for two months."

Wilson laughs as other customers plot to collect Elzen from the big city if he tries leaving again. The bakery being a staple in their days, it was hard to be without as he traveled to New York City this summer to work in a friend's bakery for a month.

“Each ingredient has a function. You need chemistry. Baking is a science and cooking is an art.”

-Ali Elzen  
Ali's Bakery owner

Though Elzen loved the trip, he said he could only visit the city, never stay. The New York style was too fast.

"The difference is the crowded, busy lifestyle," Elzen said. "There are a lot of people and no connection, you see faces only and no interaction."

Ali's Bakery differs from New York not only in size, but also in the environment found in the

shop.

"Here it is slow and the people are connected to each other. They sit and talk," he said.

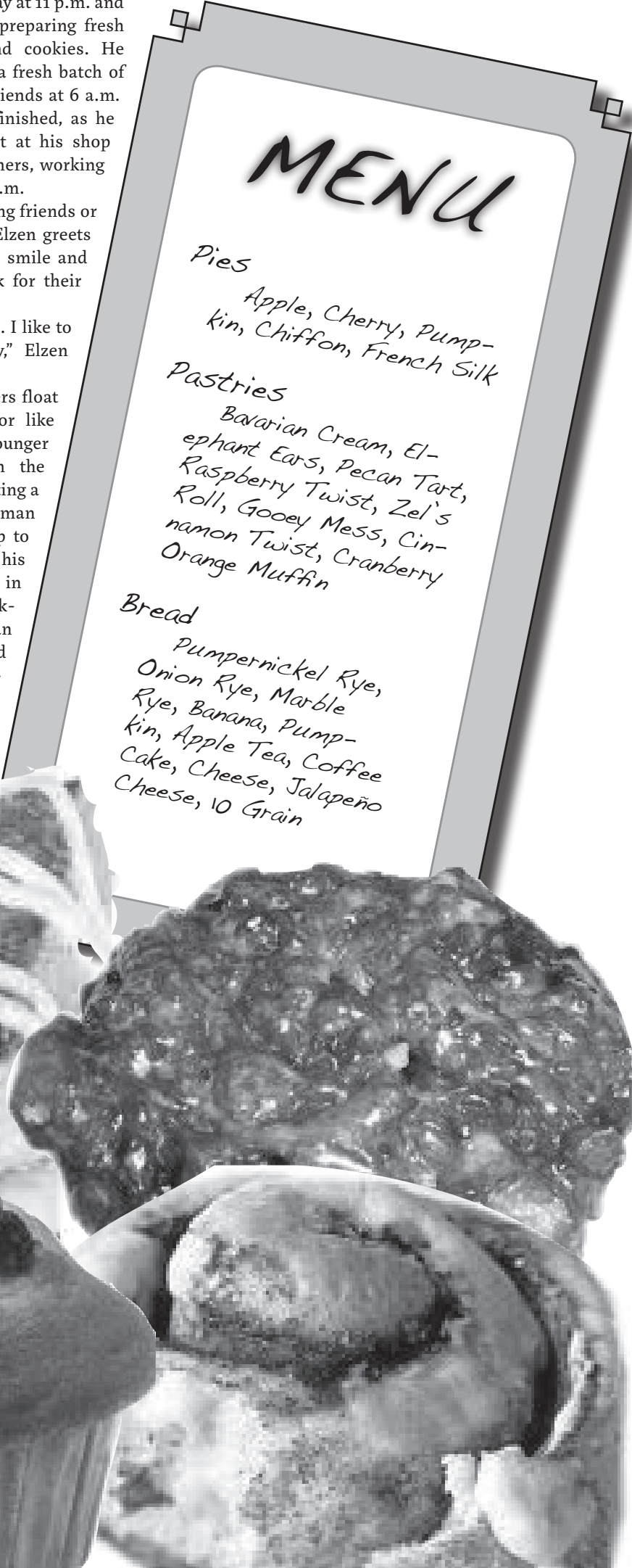
Returning to work in September, Elzen wakes every day at 11 p.m. and works until 5 a.m. preparing fresh pastries, breads and cookies. He showers and starts a fresh batch of coffee to greet his friends at 6 a.m. His work is never finished, as he takes every moment at his shop to satisfy his customers, working until he closes at 2 p.m.

Whether returning friends or first-time visitors, Elzen greets every person with a smile and never forgets to ask for their name.

"I like what I do. I like to make people happy," Elzen said.

Regular customers float in and out the door like clockwork. As a younger child yells through the window screen greeting a familiar friend, a woman approaches his shop to gather hope from his pastries for a friend in the hospital. Ali's Bakery brings more than doughnuts and bread to customers. He offers a promise.

"If you don't like it, bring it back. I will double your money," Elzen said.





# What's HOT

**“Waiting for Superman”**

Viewers felt passionate about this new movie release, which shined the light on a lack of public education in America.

**Campus Blood Drive**

Students signed up for the Blood Drive to donate a part of them that could save lives.

**Glee Season Two**

The new season of Glee promises more music, more stars and more drama, keeping audiences on the edge of their seat just waiting to see what Sue Sylvester will do next.

**Lil Wayne's New Mixtape**

Released on the incarcerated rapper's 28th birthday, the EP features numerous tracks with labelmates Drake and Nicki Minaj.

# What's NOT

**Lindsay Lohan**

There was definitely no “get out of jail free” card for this rebel actress, who might have to return and post bail in two months anyway.

**Northwest Weather**

Students were looking forward to nicer temperatures this fall, but now find themselves wondering who will stop the rain?

**Braylon Edwards**

This NY Jets star got his probation violation postponed, but will have to face the reality after the season is over.

# Carlos Santana modernizes classic rock

BY KERI PETERSON  
Missourian Reporter

Classic rock crashes into the 21st century in Carlos Santana's new album “Guitar Heaven.” Released on September 21, this album spits out covers of 12 of the best classic guitar songs of all time.

Clive Davis, Santana's corporate mentor, suggested that he record this album, and it's a good thing he did. While there were risk factors involved in making this, Santana landed firmly on his feet with perfect moderation. The album was not so amazing and outrageous that it put shame to the original artists, but it also wasn't lacking in the talent department.

One of the songs covered on this album was Cream's “Sunshine of Your Love.” In this song,

Santana threw in a lot of little guitar licks that really helped make it his own. He used this album as a way to show off his skills and honor the original artists at the same time. He took Deep Purple's “Smoke on the Water” and went with a more distorted version, adding more guitar solos on top of the original melody.

It was obvious that it would be a challenge to incorporate his Latin heritage into every song, but he did so amazingly in George Harrison's “While My Guitar Gently Weeps.” With India Arie singing and the Latin guitar ringing out beautifully, this cover was incredible. Spicy Beatles.

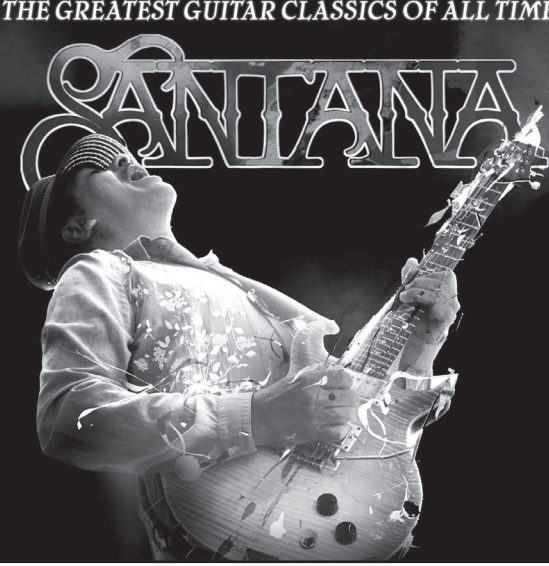
People are going to eat this music up. Die-hard Santana fans will join classic rock fans with open ears because it's something almost anyone can enjoy. Plus, this was a great opportunity for

other artists to come together with Santana and perform the vocal parts of these songs.

Another jaw dropping cover was AC/DC's “Back in Black.” This was a really good kind of strange. Santana throws Nas on the vocals and he raps magnificently through this classic. Santana does some amazing guitar solos making use of his wah pedal and whammy bar. This was such an alien version of this song that some fans think it is one of the best on the album.

This is an album that has something for just about everyone. What sounds somewhat like an oxymoron to your brain is also something that can entertain. People can come together and sing along to these covered classics and feel the grin creep up their faces as they take in Santana's amazing creativity.

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# STROLLER: Your Man ponders the mystery of the projector

You are not going to believe this.

Picture me, sitting in class, any class, and the instructor says the one thing that could brighten my day, “This video will help explain whatever it is I'm teaching about.” Unlikely, but I'm not going to say no. The lights dim, the projector screen unravels like holy scripture and the film star- wait, what's going on? Why isn't the film starting? No! The teacher can't figure out the projector! How could you take this away from me, projector?

Once again, the elusive projector separates fidgeting students from visual ecstasy, like a Democrat struggling to count out the ticket change outside a Michael Moore documentary. “Back to class,” she says. More like back to It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia reruns on Hulu.

I would expect this to happen in, say, any and every class I have ever taken at Northwest. But this was an exception. This debacle happened in a little class called Computers and Information Technology. You know, the one where they teach you how to plug in a cotton-pickin projector to a computer.

I wish I was making this up.

This little scenario has got your man

thinking, “What does it take to enter the ranks of knowing how to use the projectors at Northwest?” At what point is the enlightenment revealed?

Maybe the projector operating tutorial is given to those who ascend a snow-capped ridge in Nepal and are whispered the instructions after becoming one with the universe. Maybe it's reward-based, and the professor with the tweediest of tweed jackets and biggest elbow pads earns the forbidden knowledge. Maybe it's tenure.

I wasn't satisfied just guessing, so I set out in search of the truth. After doing some things I'm not too proud of, I discovered that the conditions for learning the secrets of the projector are not unlike Scientology.

New faculty and staff at Northwest begin their journey toward projector Mecca (Proiectca) by tithing a given percentage of their salary to higher “OT” levels of projector followers. After years and years of working through the ranks and surrendering wages, the holy secret is revealed.

*The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.*

# Latest in Halo series exceeds expectations

BY BEN LAWSON  
Missourian Reporter

The next chapter of the Halo series, Halo: Reach, hit shelves last week to the joys of many eager fans. In Reach, players can look forward to fighting the same endless hordes of grunts, jackals and elites that fans have come to expect from the series, but with some great new elements added to the game.

Reach is a prequel game set before the first Halo, Halo: Combat Evolved. You play as the newest member of Noble Team, an elite group of soldiers known as Spartans. Your mission is to save the planet, Reach, from destruction by The Covenant.

Reach ends game developer Bungie's work with the series. Bungie has been devoted to the Halo franchise for almost a decade. Microsoft Studios will take over for future Halo installments.


Bungie sure did go out with

a bang, though. Reach has an entirely new feel due to the addition of new armor abilities such as an invulnerable body shield, invisibility, a jet pack and more.

Halo's multiplayer has always been the franchise's strongest element, and Reach is no different. The game has longtime favorites such as “Team Slayer” and “Capture the Flag”, but adds several new game types. Players can also change their class or “loadout” after each death. Your loadout is your armor ability and starting weapons.

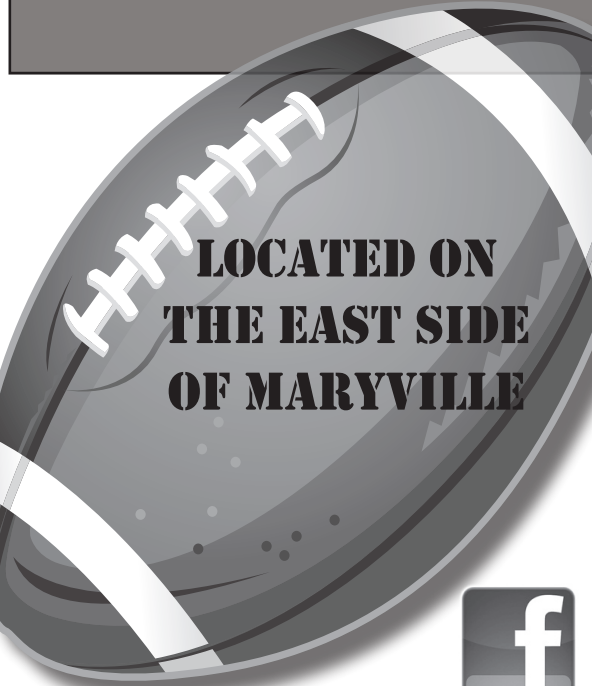
Players are no longer forced into a specific game type. Everyone in a lobby is given the option to vote on which game-type and map will be played. These new additions save the online multiplayer from the annoying repetition that plagued the franchise in the past.

Halo: Reach is a near perfect game. It will stay fresh and exciting for a long time.




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MIDFIELDER DANNY STEINER tries to block a steal from a Lafayette defender at Mondays game at Donaldson Park. The 'Hounds carry a 7-5 record heading into the second half of the season.

# SPOOFHOUNDS

## Boys' confidence soaring

BY SPENCER SCHULTZ  
Missourian Reporter

With a shutout victory Monday over Lafayette, the Maryville boys soccer team is looking good heading into the latter part of the season.

Head coach Stuart Collins is happy with the team's play during the second half of games but wants his team to come out being more aggressive in the early parts of the game.

"We've gotten into a bad habit of not playing our possession game for the first quarter, and then coming out and playing our game the second half," Collins said. "And up against a tougher opponent, that just isn't going to do the job."

How - ever, Collins believes that his team has what it takes to get past that kind of play and respond in a positive manner. Collins knows that with his team sitting at a 7-5 re-

cord, things could go either way. But he believes in this group of guys and their ability to come together and finish the season in style and come out with a winning record.

With Senior Night coming up, Collins is also impressed with his senior's this season. With positive attitudes, the five 'Hound seniors have caused a ripple effect in the team and Collins is anticipating this attitude to impact the team in the following years.

"They are a fun loving group, but when it comes to soccer, they take it very seriously," Collins said. "I think the rest of the boys will carry this attitude into next year, and in the following years and will only grow in a positive way."

The 'Hounds will be back in action to-day against Lafayette at 4:00 p.m at Kawasaki Field. Collins said Lafayette should be a good challenge for the 'Hounds, but believes his team can dominate the game if they come out play possession ball.



SETH COOK | MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

SENIOR RUNNING BACK Gavin Talmadge bounces the ball outside as he races for a first down in the 'Hounds' 54-3 victory over Bishop LeBlond. Talmadge rushed for a school record 288 yards in the win.

## Golden Eagles' wings clipped, Talmadge soars

BY TONY BOTTIS  
Sports Editor

Waiting to step off the bus tomorrow night is a foe that has been on the winning side of all their contests so far this season, as opposed to Bishop LeBlond this previous Friday.

St. Joseph Benton enters Maryville's Homecoming game at 5-0, with their most recent victory over Chillicothe, 26-21.

"Obviously, it's a big game," head coach Chris Holt said. "It is homecoming, of course, so we got to deal with all of that, but then we also have an undefeated opponent coming in to town. So, it's a big challenge for our kids."

The Spoofhounds are riding their five-game win streak, defeating LeBlond 54-3 in week four, and riding the rushing efforts of senior running back Gavin Talmadge, as

he rushed for 288 yards against the Golden Eagle defense.

"I got to give it to my linemen and everybody else on the team-it took 10 other guys to do it," Talmadge said. "I had no idea until coach (Holt) told me. He said he would get it for me and we went out and got it."

Talmadge not only torched the purple and gold defense, but also in doing so, broke his friend and former teammate Adam Mattson's single-game rushing record of 259 yards.

"It feels good (to break Mattson's record) because I know he was such a good running back and that's somebody I looked up to and want to run the ball like."

The 'Hounds will not only be battling an undefeated opponent, but will also be forced to prepare against an element that will not be found on any game scripts: the dis-

traction of homecoming.

"It adds to the excitement because usually you have a little bigger crowd," Holt said. "But, yeah as a coach first element of stuff you got to deal with during the week is sometimes kid's attention spans aren't where they should be."

With the 'Hounds on the threshold of the sights and sounds of another homecoming crowd, the crowning of a new fall royalty court and a Cardinals team looking to extend their undefeated start, Holt and the 'Hounds know they face multiple factors in tomorrow night's game.

"The quarterback's an all-conference performer from a year ago," Holt said. "He's definitely a very good quarterback, he's a big kid too-6'3" 215 lbs-they'll run him a little bit out of the backfield. He doesn't have great speed, but he does run hard. You don't usu-

ally seem him going down with one guy, usually it's a gang tackle situation."

Holt explained the importance of applying pressure to Benton's signal caller and how 'Hounds' defensive front will dictate how effective the Cardinals throw the ball. The times the quarterback tucks the ball and attempts to use his legs will force the 'Hounds to arrive as a team, in order to be successful.

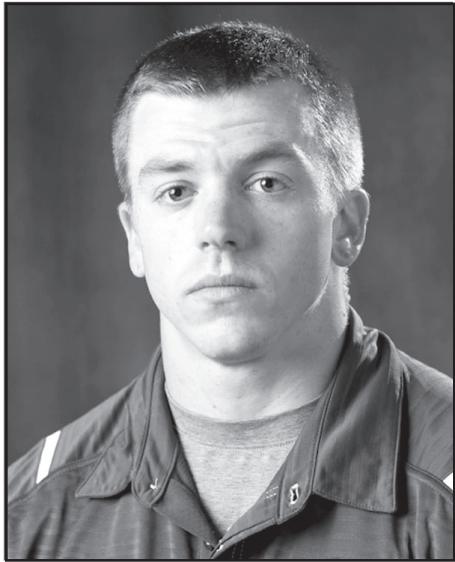
"Our defense has played really well all year," Holt said. "I don't anticipate that changing any this week. It's just a different challenge; you got a dual-threat quarterback as opposed to a kid who's just going to hand it off all night, or an option scheme. It's just a little different."

Holt and the 'Hounds hit the field at 7 p.m. tomorrow night in hopes of capturing another Homecoming victory and snapping Benton's five-game win streak.

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## BEARCATS

Billy Creason



Sophomore running back Billy Creason rushed for 169 yards against Truman State, the 'Cats first 100-yard rusher on the season. He also added two TDs.

Laira Aiken



Sophomore setter Laira Aiken set a career-high 55 assists in the 'Cats match against Pittsburg State. She also added 13 digs, two kills and one block assist.

Gavin Talmadge



Senior running back Gavin Talmadge broke the single-game rushing record, gaining 288 yards from scrimmage against Bishop LeBlond.

Sydney Rogers



Sophomore Sydney Rogers finished 10th at the Lafayette "Irish" Invitational in a time of 23:44 minutes. She was one of three 'Hounds to medal on the day.

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JUNIOR MIDFIELDER SARAH JACKSON collides with a Washburn player after heading the ball toward a 'Cats teammate. Washburn defeated the 'Cats in double-overtime 2-0 Saturday. Northwest plays UNO today starting at 4 p.m.



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# Hoza, team face OT, again

BY BRYCE MERENESS  
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest women's soccer team had an extra opponent in each of their weekend matchups: the weather.

Northwest (1-5-2, 1-4-1 MIAA) dropped both in miserable conditions.

"You have a strong wind and a strong rain and it really takes a toll on you on the heavy field," coach Tracy Hoza said.

In last Thursday's matchup against Washburn (2-3-1, 2-2-0 MIAA), the Bearcats fell behind in the 59th minute when Leah Talley slid her shot past freshman goalkeeper Kelsey Adams into the bottom right corner.

The 'Cats netted an equalizer in the 76th minute when freshman midfielder Jordan Albright scored her first collegiate goal. Albright beat the keeper from a difficult angle, tucking the ball into the side netting.

Northwest's defense would be tested until the end of regulation, when in the 90th minute, Adams sprinted out to claim a cross and her momentum carried her outside of the box for a handball, giving the Lady Blues a free kick. Adams saved the free kick with five seconds remaining and the Lady Blues could not put in the rebound forcing overtime.

The second overtime period would prove costly. Washburn took advantage of a turnover near midfield, where the field conditions were the worst, when Taylor Mayhew found a streaking Tia Stovall who slid it past Adams for the game winner.

"I feel bad for the players. I think they deserved a

tie or a win," Hoza said. "It's always disappointing to lose in overtime, and this is our second one. You need that reward for forcing overtime, because they are hard to do, it's very taxing on the players mentally and physically, and I give my players a lot of credit."

The 'Cats would have just as much trouble with the weather in the battle of the Bearcats. The purple clad Bearcats of Southwest Baptist (3-3-2, 2-2-2 MIAA) were victorious claiming a 3-2 victory.

The match looked promising for Northwest in the first half when junior midfielder Kelly Obley knocked in a loose rebound in the 23rd minute. Northwest would hold its lead until halftime.

The "Purple" Bearcats would equalize in the 56th minute on a strike from Ashley Creason. Northwest would regain the lead in the 68th minute after SBU defender Erin Boschen drug Andrea Freeman down from behind earning her a yellow card. Freeman placed the ensuing free kick perfectly in the top corner giving SBU goalkeeper Paige Hemphill no chance for the save.

Two goals in one minute would sink Northwest. Brittany Ready would equalize, curling a corner kick in by herself in the 70th minute. Then, in the 71st minute Brenna Lacaille would drill a shot from 30 yards away scorching it into the top corner of the net.

"They keep coming out every game and playing better, and that is great to see so we will keep doing that," Hoza said. "We got a third of the season over. I think we are getting better as the season goes on. It was very promising out there."

The 'Cats will be in action again today in Omaha, before returning to Bearcat Pitch at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday in a matchup against Missouri Southern.

# Rosewell, Harrison prepare to host ITA's Regionals

BY JASON LAWRENCE  
Missourian Reporter

Almost becoming routine, Northwest prepares to host the men's Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional for the 20th straight year.

"It's a lot of work," head coach Mark Rosewell said. "It's the twentieth year we've done it. We just got our highrise courts resurfaced, so we're excited about that. It's really an honor and a privilege for us to get the bid each year and put the tournament on—means we're doing some things right."

The Bearcats also boast the No. 1 seed in the tournament in senior Malcolm Harrison, who is the reigning MIAA Most Valuable Player.

"(Seeding) means not that much actually," Harrison said. "You still have to go out and compete hard every match. Just because you're the No.1 seed doesn't mean that you're going to go out there and win matches because of that. I try to respect every opponent, I think that's the only way you can be successful. If you go out and underestimate people, they can kind of sneak up on you."

While Harrison is not overlooking his competition, he does have high expectations for himself.

"I expect to win the tournament, that's my goal to try and achieve," Harrison said. "For the spring, I want to try and have an

undefeated season. Of course, those are really high expectations. I try and set the bar high so if I fall I'm reasonable and accomplish a lot."

Harrison comes into the tournament after winning the first flight of both the Washburn and Truman tournaments, along with teaming with senior Vijit Sehgal to win the doubles crown at the Washburn Invitational.

  
Malcolm Harrison

"I've been playing really well," Harrison said. "I trained really hard over the summer, so all of my success is attributed to the work I put in before this point. I think I've performed pretty well."

In addition to Harrison and Sehgal's exploits at the Washburn Invitational, junior Calvin Patterson beat senior teammate Giovanni Auricchio to win the B flight.

Patterson followed up the win by finishing second in flight one at the Truman Invitational behind Harrison.

Sehgal won the second flight with Auricchio coming in second.

This is the final meet of the fall season for the men. Matches start Friday and continue through Sunday.

"There's going to be some great teams here," Rosewell said.

"You've got Abilene Christian, St. Edwards, Cameron out of Oklahoma, Incarnate Word, Southwest Baptist in our league. There's going to be a bunch of good teams here."

The women finished up their fall season last week with the ITA Regional in Abilene, Texas. Junior Erika Leston, coming back from two injuries last year, finished in the round of 16.

"It was pretty good compared to the last two years," Leston said. "I haven't gotten past the first round and this time I actually got past the second round, so I was really happy with it. I think I performed really well. I'm glad I got to help the team out. Our name now is actually a little bit higher than last year."

Leston won the A flight consolation championship at Washburn and also took second place in flight one at the Truman Invitational.

Freshman Alexis Bartek took the B flight consolation crown at Washburn in her first collegiate competition.

In the C bracket, freshman Ashleigh Kaberline won the only championship for the Bearcats at Washburn.

Senior Sureena Weir won the second flight at Truman, giving the Bearcats a lot of confidence for the spring season, minus the lack of experience.

"The experience is not there yet, so we're trying to build that," Leston said. "We have a pretty mature team actually. I think they are ready. They're excited to play."

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Dane Wardenburg  
Offensive Tackle

"If we don't get a victory were in tough spot, and if they don't get a victory they're in a tougher spot. No one wants to lose, that's what makes this a big game every season." -- Wardenburg



When the Griffons pass: **EDGE>>>GRIFFONS**  
The 'Cats have struggled to get off the field on third and long, evident in the Kingsville game.  
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Mel Tjeerdsma  
Head Coach

"They're a +8 in turnovers, they're taking the ball away alot. I really feel ball security and our quarterback making good decisions, those are going to be important for us." -- Tjeerdsma



## Former All-American safety leads on field, in classroom

BY BRIAN BOSILJEVAC  
Chief Reporter

It all started in Maryville for graduate student and former Bearcat team captain Myles Burnsid

During his time on the football team as a Spoofhound, Burnsid was recognized as a first team all-district selection, but that was not the only place he finished ahead of the pack. He also finished at the top of his class academically.

Burnsid graduated from Maryville High School in 2005 and moved down the road to Northwest, joining the Bearcat football team.

A similar fate followed Burnsid to Northwest. After a four-year stretch of reaching the championship game, only to come home empty handed, Burnside helped lead the 'Cats to its third National Championship during his final season.

"It's kind of crazy," Burnsid said. "I mean growing up here and seeing the community and the institution, it was a great opportunity for me. I've had success here. Looking back on it, I couldn't ask for more. Ending with the championship last year was a perfect ending to my college career."

On the field, Burnsid finished his decorated career with 294 tackles, the most by a defensive back and eighth most in program history. His 16 career interceptions earned him third place in program history. He started in four national championship games and went 37-0 against MIAA opponents.

Burnsid has been recognized as a three-time, first-team All-MIAA selection, a two-time All-American selection and became the first Bearcat to earn the title of National Defensive Player of the Year.

This year, Burnsid is no longer causing headaches for opposing

offenses on the field. Instead he became the first Bearcat to receive an award of a different sort.

This past month, Burnsid became the first Northwest student athlete and first MIAA male athlete to be named National Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

"It's what this community and what this institution does," Burnsid said. "There are so many great teachers here to help you succeed not only on the field, but in the classroom as well. It's great to finally get this institution that recognition."

Although Burnsid is the first 'Cat to win this award it didn't come as a shock to many of those who knew him best when hearing of the recognition.

"It doesn't surprise me at all," head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "I think he's very deserving of it. He's been a great player for us. He's obviously been a great student here. He's from Maryville. He's one of ours. He's a great ambassador for our program."

The talented student-athlete found a way to excel both on and off the field throughout his collegiate playing days. On his way to the National Championship last season he managed a 3.86 GPA as a graduate student. During his undergraduate years, Burnsid maintained a 3.90 GPA.

"I owe it all to my family," Burnsid said. "I mean being from here and having their support meant a lot. There are a lot of kids who don't have

the opportunity to see their families as much as I have. Being able to go to school and see my family in the same town really helped inspire me. Along with all the coaching staff and teachers, they want to see you be successful and want to see you succeed. They definitely put an emphasis on academics."

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## Control of MIAA at stake in clash of Top Tens

BY TONY BOTTS  
Sports Editor

The MIAA Network may have stated the obvious by choosing this weekend's battle in Maryville as the Game of the Week. Regardless of the MIAA's coverage, a big crowd is anticipated as the game also falls on Family Weekend.

Pitting the No. 8 Missouri Western (4-0, 2-0 MIAA) against surging No. 7 Northwest (2-1, 2-0 MIAA) could make for one of the most explosive match ups in recent years between the Griffons and Bearcats, and certainly for this week across the nation in Division II.

"I think it's going to be a great atmosphere," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We're excited about being back at home, we're excited to play Western, that's it. That's a big rivalry and we're

40 miles apart, we recruit a lot of the same kids: we get some, they get some. There's a lot of pride that goes with it. It'll be a big game."

The senior class has had their fair share of experiences with this pivotal game in each and every season, and knows what is at stake.

"It's a pretty key game early in the season, really," senior offensive lineman Dane Wardenburg said. "The winner pretty much has control of whatever they decide going out. If you lose, you're going to need help...We got to play well."

Last year, both teams showed off their capability to blowup the scoreboard with points when the 'Cats clawed their way to a 49-35 victory in St. Joseph.

This year, the Griffons board the bus to travel the all-familiar drive up U.S. Highway-71 for the highly anticipated gridiron battle.

Mo.-West has already claimed a 36-33 victory over MIAA foe Washburn, who entered the contest at No. 15, and most recently dismantled a struggling Pittsburg State squad 42-25.

The 'Cats are flashing their ability to rebound after their early season loss and has rattled off two straight wins and offensive outbursts against Nebraska-Omaha, 58-23, and Truman State, 44-10.

However, this week will test the 'Cats once again against a Top 10 opponent and also poses a looming threat to the 'Cats' current 39-game MIAA winning streak, two wins shy of tying the record held by none other than, Northwest.

The Griffons' offense has shown little

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